

In the Social World

Some say that ever 'gains that sea-son comes
Wherein our Savior's birth is cele-brated.
The bird of dawn singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy tales, nor witch hath power to charm;
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time.

Shakespeare.

Indeed, so potent is the charm of the Christ-child's birth season, that not only the elements and occultism respond to the message of peace, but evil instincts of the soul are quiescent; the brooding tenderness of the time quickens the yearning for immortality; the thoughts are wholeness; the heart unclashes its taints; gold, benevolence is the universal passion; "so hallow'd and so gracious is the time" that "the whole world engages in a conspiracy of love."

The eyes of the human family are turned upward to behold a light like that seen by the shepherds tending their flocks. It is the radiance from the heaven called home, and backing in its light, the earthly creature is transfigured to worthier kinship to the divine infant of Bethlehem.

The glamor of the holy festival out-goes luster with added years and the mystery of divine life in human nature more broadly recognized as the world joins the adoration of the wise men in the worship of the gifts to a child.

Whether it be solely for the sake of the Christmas babe that all childhood is at his birthday exalted, or whether it be the divine attributes of innocence, humility, trust, that hallow a child's influence, the great meaning of the day is clearer by reason of the light held by baby hands, on the heart's leading strings. Also inseparable from the thought of the first or twentieth century Christmas, is the reverential love of the Madonna. And today, (through the evangelism of art that has scattered in all countries and ages the painted conception of the holiest Madonna) all motherhood is glorified, and the real Christmas spirit cannot blossom like a lovely winter rose, unless heart touches heart in child-like devotion to the Madonna of each bedside.

"Madonnas hallow every home;
O'er every roof where babies are
Shines high and pure a guiding star;
And mother hearts do always hear
Divinest music ringing clear,
And peace and love, good will on earth.

Are born with every baby's birth."

The sordid shadows of motherless homes, and the unsightly, empty spaces where there are no homes—no place to hang a stocking, lurk in the background of happy Christmas pictures, to remind the well-to-do, well-housed and well-motivated brothers and sisters of wage-toilers' children. Through lacking courage to assail or correct unjust conditions, yet philanthropists make an effort to bring cheer and love into the lives of destitute children—at least once a year.

The lesson of unselfishness is being fostered in many of the churches by the elimination of the gift-laden tree and the communal Christmas taking its place. In this custom of giving to the poor, and acknowledging the keepership of one's brother, the foundation is being laid for a divine socialism in future years.

The parlor and corners of Albuquerque are aglow with festive decorations. Christmas trees, and the atmosphere freighted with the essence of joy, mirth and music.

The blessed bond of statehood has brought a keener sense of life's worthwhileness, and the entire state is pulsating with "good will toward men." The prospects are bright, for St. Nicholas to fill every little stocking in Albuquerque and not a child heart but will be happy in the Christmas dawn. Dealers declare that never before have so many pine and cedar trees been sold. That means that in the early dawn on Monday morning the gift tree will rear its tasseled crest in more than twelve hundred Albuquerque homes. Juvenility will be deliciously gleeful and the heads of families will fold up their dignified length on the floor to wind up automatic rig-a-ma-jigs, and pandemonium will reign supreme.

There will be the Christmas banquet tables about which the holiday guests will gather and linger till they wish they hadn't. There will be the mail packages from home folk back east; there will be the Christmas cards, the refreshments of "car nog" (in some homes the nog will be conscientiously left out) and the multiple joys to make one know it's really Christmas.

The post-Christmas receptions are in demand considerably time of the social leaders. Among these will be an at home for Mrs. Hildersheim Wednesday afternoon, and the New Year's reception at the Woman's club.

Cupid is unwontedly active, and has ensnared six couples in the matrimonial net while the announcement of pending ceremonies is another proof that hearts are true.

Concerts feature the coming week. The Fabrian concert being most notable. The home talent play Friday evening for the benefit of the woman's sanitarian will bring out a galaxy of beauty and culture as nothing else during the holidays.

As usual at the year-end festival around which clusters more of sentiment than any holiday of the year, the number of brides increase, and there are now six brides and as many young bridesmaids in this city expressing fervent belief in the success of matrimony.

One of these couples now honeymooning in the city is Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Noel who had the civil knot tied by Dr. C. O. Beckman Thursday afternoon at the Methodist

parsonage. The groom is a resident of Moriarty, N. M., and after spending the holidays in Albuquerque, the home of the bride, formerly Miss Edna Hodgson, will return with his better half to reside in the new town on the other side of the mountains.

Another pair of newly wed lovers is Dr. Thomas A. McCarthy and bride of Mrs. F. The latter has only been Mrs. McCarthy since last Wednesday when by the rites of the Catholic church pronounced in the Santa Fe cathedral by Rev. Antonio Foucheau the new name was acquired. After a honeymoon season in Albuquerque, Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy will return to Santa Fe to reside.

Other ceremonies of the week united Miss Florence Matlocks and Mr. William Irvin, Rev. H. P. Williams officiating at the parsonage of the Gold and Broadway church, and another was a home wedding witnessed by the relatives of the principals who were Miss Myrtle Faber and Mrs. Charles Kair. On these, Dan Cupid beams approvingly and drinks the toast: "May the feast of Yule be one of joy of mirth and pleasure without alloy."

Betrothal Announcement.

Whilst gathered about a banquet table brilliantly dressed in polonettes and garlands of sinuax a boy of girl friends were Thursday evening told of the betrothal and approaching marriage of the hostess, Miss Irene Hopkins.

The dinner party was a seven o'clock feast at the Alvarado, to which were invited the intimate friends of the bride-elect, and soon after the first course of the menu had been discussed the announcement was made by Mrs. E. W. Hopkins. The fortunate groom to be is a resident of Pasadena, Cal., where the romance budded during Miss Hopkins' sojourn in California last summer. The culmination of the happy courtship will be in this city the last of January when the Pasadena suitor will give the name of Albert Mercer to this well loved Albuquerque girl and take her to the coast to live.

Thirty Club Christmas Dance.

The thirty club Christmas dance of the thirty club was all that could be desired, all that was anticipated and more. The Odd Fellows hall Wednesday evening was brilliantly dressed in festooning of holly and evergreen and Christmas wreaths, and was pleasingly resonant with laughter, music and dancing. The special programs for this first Christmas function given by the beaus of the younger smart set in honor of the charming belles, were fifty hits of scribbled songs adorned with glittering beads embedded on the covers with the club name in gilt lettering, the inner pages bore the titles of the musical selections as well as the dances and on the last cover were lists of club members. The "mere man" press reporter of the club described the dance in lucid style: "There was a lot of green stuff all around in wreaths and rope. The hall looked swell—so did the girls. In the banquet hall there was a big lunch served, mostly hot, topped off with ice cream. On the tables there was a lot of green stuff, too—wreaths and things suggestive of Christmas."

The dancers were: Misses Ruby Peel, Ethel Saint, Lillian Hoeselien, Jean Hubbs, Genevieve Tierney, Irene Borders, Elsie Myers, Charlotte Pratt, Dora Campbell, Adele Goss, Ruth Goss, Katherine Grimmer, Sue Dobson, Frances Borders, Herice Hoeselien, Viola Blocher, Ruth Shiner, Messrs. Will McMillan, Bert Shiner, F. J. Naylor, Grover Divine, Charles Lemke, William White, John Tierney, Walter Disque, Ralph Kehler, Oscar Bluecher, John McKee, Roy Strone, Ray Bailey, Robert Crews, S. H. Busch, James Skinner, Kenneth Haldridge, R. M. Hutchinson.

Reception Party.

The latest evidence of the unbounded resourcefulness of the younger set was the gay party Wednesday evening when Miss Gladys Mandell entertained twenty-five friends complimentary to Miss Evelyn Klesman of Boston.

This was a "beef steak" function, having the combined features of a fancy masque party, a toasty turkey frolic and beefsteak supper. The young people arrived in elaborate dress of juveniles, gipsy girls, Indians and other popular people. The conventions were turned topsy turvy in the hilarious revel of games and dancing that continued till a late hour. Decorations? There were none. The girls were the flowers. But as for handsome objects, not even parlor furniture interfered with the fun. Seated on the floor, the company was regaled on hot beefsteak, potatoes and accessories, eaten in the good old way with the fingers for knives and forks. A series of mirth-provoking games resulted in prizes for cleverness being awarded to Miss Jetty Rosenwald and Miss Hannan Nussbaum. Messrs. McCroden and Louis Benjamin received the men's prizes and to Miss Euseman was awarded the guest prize.

Mrs. Connell Honored.

One of the select parties of the week, productive of exceptional pleasure, was the birthday surprise party given this afternoon by Mrs. Louis Hunsing in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Connell. The bewitchment of the honoree was the source of great enjoyment by the company, who had been bitten by the hostess to keep secret their invitations. After a brief acknowledgment that the plan had admirably carried, Mrs. Connell joined heartily in the games of bridge in which the company, consisting of old-time girl friends, indulged. Five tables afforded the game arenas, and the party waxed merry in the rooms where the spirit of Christmas seemed rife. Decorations of holly and mistletoe augmented the suggestion of Yule and joy, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." Luncheon appointed in the same colors, red and green, was the

Concluding Feature of the Happy Function.

In honor of Mrs. Hildersheim. Cards are out for a reception next Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. E. Rosenwald will entertain in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Hildersheim whose home is in Los Angeles. Mrs. Hildersheim was formerly Miss Alma Rosenwald of this city and during her visit here has been the recipient of many social honors.

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PEACE

Peace is my dream when twilight, like a prayer,
Broods on the patient hill and shadowy field;
Peace, lest the soul should sicken with despair
Or break the heart that hopes and will not yield.

Not happiness we crave, nor wealth, nor power,
Nor any thrill that comes with love or fame;
These are excitements of a flashing hour
And not contentment's steady, genial flame.

The storm may stir the pulses for a day,
The wine of battle makes the eyes to glow;
But what avails the tempest or the fray
To him who never the bliss of peace can know?

The fretful millions lift their sighs in vain
From bleeding hearts up to the heedless sky;
Not there is peace, but in the very pain
That cures heaven with its tortured cry!

Not to the stars should plead who would be free,
Nor to the heart with bootless longings bound—
That little stage of mortal tragedy!
There only, if at all, can peace be found.

Peace is my prayer when morning pales the stars,
And thrills along the edges of the earth;
Peace, like a balm to heal the ancient scars,
And hush the spirit to a higher birth.

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Christmas Matinee Party.

The members of the Musical club will be the guests of Miss Grace Stortz Monday afternoon. The entertainment is to be furnished by professional actors on the stage of the Elks' theater. "The Lion and the Mouse" is drama which will for years be remembered as the Christmas diversion that is sure to surpass the regulation party in pleasure.

Party for "Duplicate Whist" Club.

Among the select card clubs of the city the "Duplicate Whist" club has prominent place, and for years has met regularly at the Woman's club for weekly diversion at what Mrs. A. W. Dobson, the secretary-treasurer plans to entertain the club members at an informal afternoon party next Tuesday.

Mrs. Luthy to Entertain D. A. R.

The month-end meeting of the Lew Wallace chapter of the D. A. R. will be at the home of Mrs. J. E. Luthy Saturday afternoon December 30, when Mrs. Cannon and Miss Estelle Luthy will assist the hostess in the entertainment of the company. The program discussion will center on "Events of the Year."

Christmas Dinner Party.

One of the numerous home-gatherings at the banquet table on Christmas day will be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Springer when a family dinner will be enjoyed by a kinship circle.

Theater Party.

Miss Camille Mandell entertained the young ladies of the Musical club Friday evening by conducting them in a body to the New Crystal, where an hour was delightfully spent watching the photo plays.

Masque Party.

One of the holiday parties to be enjoyed by a party of forty congenial schoolmates is to be the costume dance at the Woman's club Wednesday evening, when Miss Adele Carr will entertain.

Kings' Daughters to Entertain.

The first of the Christmas entertainments in the churches will be the cantata this evening in the Presbyterian church to be presented by the Kings' Daughters. After the entertainment, the itching palms of the little ones will be healed with the presentation of the Christmas treat on the gaudy tree. The personnel of the graceful, musical play, "The Greatest Day in the Year," is as follows:

Father Time.....Miss Anna Odard
Night.....Miss Anna Odard
Day.....Miss Anna Odard
New Year's Day.....Miss Anna Odard
Valentine's Day.....Miss Anna Odard
Spring.....Miss Anna Odard
St. Patrick's Day.....Miss Anna Odard
April Fool's Day.....Miss Anna Odard
Easter.....Miss Anna Odard
May Day.....Miss Anna Odard
Summer.....Miss Anna Odard
Independence of Liberty.....Miss Anna Odard
Goldie Sam.....Miss Anna Odard
New Mexico.....Miss Anna Odard
Song: "Autumn Days".....Miss Anna Odard
Storrs, Helen Graham, Adela El-dor, Fay Strong, Mabel Dutcher, Adeline Williamson, Cornelia Ward, Margaret Easterday.

Hallowe'en.....Miss Anna Odard
Winter.....Miss Anna Odard
Snow.....Miss Anna Odard
Thanksgiving.....Miss Anna Odard
Holds Walking.....Miss Anna Odard

Christmas Day.....Miss Anna Odard
Santa Claus.....Miss Anna Odard

Recital of Mrs. Hildersheim's Cantata.

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Woman's Club Meeting.

The club meeting yesterday afternoon was a demonstration that the Woman's club believes that "The time short pleasure now to take Of little life the best to make."

And because life seems at times all too little to hold all the joy of clubbing, the most is made of the social gathering. The imminence of Christmas was, however, noticeable on this occasion as there were fewer ladies present than usual. A short program was an excellent one. Mrs. D. H. Carns in deliciously southern accent read Thomas Nelson Page's "In Old Virginia." "A Venetian Love Song" (by Ethel Burge St. Nevin) was a splendid piano number played by Mrs. Herodolite. Mrs. Charles White sang sweetly "For All Eternity" by Mercel, and "Dreams Just Dreams" by Berlin and Schneider. The piano accompanist was Miss Lillian Hoeselien. Following this enjoyment, the art pieces for which chances had been sold were raffled, and the winners are: hand-painted vase, Mrs. Higinson; clock jug, Mrs. Keim; bon-bon dish, Mrs. Johnson.

The season of social exchange and refreshment course was heartily pleasing, the hostesses being Mesdames Herodolite, Briggs and Whitesides.

Christmas Frolic.

A bevy of twenty young women, many of whom are away from home, will be the guests of Miss Harriet Saxo Christmas afternoon and evening at the Y. W. C. A. The hostess exercises in the high school time disport themselves with the gay abandon of childhood and re-live the juvenile Christmas frolics in their own homes. There is to be a taffy pull, popcorn balls made, a series of kindergarten games to which Miss McNamara will play piano accompanist, Miss Olga Selke will render violin solos, and many of the musicals present will contribute to an impromptu program. The dinner is to be in the late afternoon and the hilarious sequel will be continued till the late evening.

Cantata at Academy.

"The Star of Bethlehem," a revision of the playlet "The Greatest Day in the Year," a clever and catchy cantata, was the feature of the Christmas exercises in the high school Thursday afternoon. Having had much previous experience in dramatics, the Academicians had but little difficulty in perfectly executing the stage work. The music for the production was splendid, giving the soloists ample opportunity to display the quality of their voices. It is to be regretted that the general public was not permitted to witness the cantata, this being impossible because of the limited seating capacity of the academy assembly hall. The hall was handsomely decorated in holiday ornamentation, red and green predominated. Huge Christmas bells suspended by red and green ribbons hung from the ceiling and old fashioned Yule logs added to the picturesque scene. Altogether the cantata was a splendid success dramatically and from a musical standpoint and the Academy girls recorded for themselves an achievement in the many achievements they have won in the cultured arts.

The cast of characters for the production follows: "Father Time," Mary Kelly; "Day," Virginia Carr; "Night," Julia Keleher; "Herald," Helen Schmidt; "Spring," Margaret Schmidt; "Summer," Alice Brachvogel; "Autumn," Bertha Turner; "Winter," Rosalind Espinosa; "Rain," Grace McDermott; "Sunshine," Barbara Harris; "Fog," Georgia Lutz; "Snow," Beatrice Armijo; "New Year's," Rosalie Brachvogel; "Lincoln's Birthday," Laurene Asselin; "Valentine's Day," Berenice Hoeselien; "April Fool's Day," Esther Otter, Rosalie With, Charlotte Brinner, Ruth Shiner, Marie Higinson; "Memorial Day," Goldie Spring; "Independence Day," Adeline Candalaria; "Independence Day," Florence Dunn; "Labor Day," Hazel Hick; "All Hallow Eve," Florence Thelin; "Thanksgiving Day," Teresa Matimore; "Christmas Day," Frances Murphy. Among the solos of the cantata denaturing of special mention was "Star of Bethlehem," by Charlotte Brinner; "Holy Night," by Bertha Turner; "Advent Fidelity," by Teresa Matimore. A reading by Goldie Spring was also a feature of the entertainment.

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the piano students of the juvenile and intermediate classes opened the program that for classic merit and versatility delighted the audience, and must surely have been gratifying to the teacher. That the conception and interpretation of big themes and deep emotions are within the scope of child minds as well as mere comprehension and rendition of note and technique, was manifested by these young musicians who played as if children to auditors and purely for the pleasure in creating harmony.

To compare the numbers would be unjust, as all were best, and the parents present had every reason to feel great pride in the performers. In January Mrs. Hildersheim plans to have a recital of the advanced pupils. In the meantime she goes to Chicago to take advantage of the musical concerts and grand opera that are now delighting harmony students of that city. Mrs. Hildersheim will meet her former piano master, Rudolph Gauntz, who is temporarily in Chicago from his home across the water. The Thomas orchestra and the great grand opera singers are many of them to be heard in Chicago during the holidays. Mrs. Hildersheim leaves Monday night to be absent two weeks.

Sodality Card Party.

The Young Ladies Sodality of the Immaculate Conception parish will entertain at a card party in St. Mary's hall on Wednesday evening, December 27. This party will be the first of a series of several to be given by the Sodality during the next few weeks. The young ladies plan to introduce some new entertainment features during the series. Arrangements are being made to accommodate a large number of guests. The general public is invited to attend.

Personal Paragraphs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunt of El Paso are guests of Mrs. Will Springer during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. McVillie Summers and baby, of Roswell are the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee till after the holidays.

Archdeacon W. E. Warren of St. John's parish returned Thursday from a trip to Phoenix, Arizona, where he went on ecclesiastical business.

Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Schwentker left Thursday for Estancia to spend Christmas with Mrs. Schwentker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Howell.

Miss Louise Nichols will leave tonight for the southern part of the state to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes are entertaining Mrs. Hughes' brother, Mr. Robert Huntstainer, who is renewing acquaintances in this city where he resided a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brooks left last night for Chicago, where by prearrangement they will meet Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Brooks and with them spend the holidays.

Friends in this city are pleased to learn that Ralph Taucher, an alumnus of the U. S. N. M., and later of the law department of the Chicago university, has opened a law office in the "Windy City." His sister, Miss Irma Taucher, has lately been graduated as a trained nurse.

Mrs. Albert Eismann and Miss Evelyn Eismann of Boston, who have been the guests of Mrs. Hildersheim Grunfeld the past week, left Thursday for a trip to the "Titan of Chimes" in Arizona. On their way to their New England home the ladies will stop over a short time in this city to visit relatives.

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